

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

WHEREAS, the United States is just beginning to recover from a depressed economy; and

WHEREAS, most states are experiencing a job gap between actual jobs available and the number of jobs needed to keep up with the growth in working age population; and

WHEREAS, Missouri revenues have been adversely affected by the economy; and

WHEREAS, state revenues will recover at a slower pace than the economy at large; and

WHEREAS, federal tax cuts will result in lower Missouri revenue due to coupling; and

WHEREAS, Missouri struggles with the challenges of a significant budget deficit; and

WHEREAS, the budget deficit puts the health care of children, seniors, and the disabled at risk; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has funds available for two trillion dollars in tax cuts that disproportionately benefit the most prosperous Americans; and

WHEREAS, federal unfunded mandates in IDEA, No Child Left Behind, Election Reform, and Homeland Security cost the states more than twenty billion dollars per year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to pass a fiscal relief package for the states of no less than twenty billion dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the members of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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